Management has been set up under the Chairmanship of the Prime Minister, with representatives of the National and State level political parties to, *inter-alia*, deliberate on the necessary institutional and legislative measures needed for an effective and long-term strategy to deal with major natural calamities in future.

Boosting the Farm Sector

2060. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have devised concrete plans for implementation during the Tenth Five Year Plan period, to boost the farm sector;

(b) if so, the details of the plans;

(c) the expenditure expected to be incurred during the period, State-wise and year-wise; and

(d) the estimated increase in production, State-wise and year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (d) The Approach Paper to the Tenth Plan aims at an indicative target of 8 percent GDP growth for the period 2002—07. Sector-wise growth rates as well as allocation of funds for agriculture and other sectors for the Tenth Plan, have not been finalised.

Dumping of Milk Products

2061. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that milk, milk-powder and other milk-related products are dumping in the country at cheaper rates, which has caused less demand and loss to milk producers of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that milk producers in the country are poor and not in a position to face the challenge; and

(d) if so, the details of steps being taken by Government to prevent dumping and to produce more milk in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV):(a) No, Sir, (b) In view of (a) above, question does not arise.

(c) and (d) Although milk producers are poor, however, to safeguard the interest of domestic producers the following steps have already been taken by the Government in this regard;

(i) Custom duty on import of milk powder has been increased from 0% to 60% with an annual Tariff Rate Quota of 10,000 MT on a global basis at 15% duty.

(ii) Import of livestock products including milk products are allowed against sanitary permit.

(iii) Import of all food items including milk products are subject to compliance of the quality conditions as per Prevention of Food Adulteration Act.

The Government of India has launched the following programmes for increasing milk production in the country;

i. National Project for Cattle and Buffalo Breeding.

ii. Central Cattle Breeding Farms.

iii. Central Frozen Semen Production and Training Institute.

iv. Central Herd Registration Scheme.

v. Integrated Dairy Development Project in Non-operation Flood, Hilly and Backward Areas.

Pisciculture schemes in Bihar

2062. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to start pisciculture schemes in various water logged areas and the rivers in Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?